

**MINUTES of the
FLUE GAS DESULFURIZATION TASK FORCE MEETING**

October 24, 2018

- Meeting commenced at 10:05am
- Task Force members present:
 - Director Messina, IEPA
 - Senator Schimpf
 - William Matuscak, ADM
 - Dan Wheeler (for Tom Benner), DNR
 - Representative Bourne (phone)
 - Representative Severin (phone)
 - Representative Chapa LaVia (phone)
 - Phil Gonet, Illinois Coal Association (phone)
- Approval of 10/10/18 meeting minutes:
 - Motion: Senator Schimpf
 - Second: William Matuscak
- Presentation and discussion of draft report:
 - Gonet: commented that draft lays out the issues and challenges well, but suggested the Task Force consider inviting NRG or Vistra to comment.
 - Schimpf: asked how we might incorporate public comment.
 - Messina: we will add a section to reflect that the meetings were public noticed, and opportunity was provided for public comment.
 - Gonet: final report will be recommendations to the General Assembly and not necessarily final action; public will still have opportunity to be involved in any potential legislation.
 - Bourne: on other Task Forces, we have viewed the report as a document to the public that outlines the current state of affairs on an issue and directs the General Assembly to act as necessary.
 - ChapaLaVia: concurs with Rep. Bourne.
- Scheduling of next meeting:
 - Tentatively plan for November 13th at 2pm, IEPA will secure a room in either the Capitol or Stratton Building.
- Public Comment:
 - David Repp, JET: suggests that the Executive Summary include pathways for legislation or roadmap for Illinois to support alternative technologies.
 - Julie Armitage, IEPA: JET also needs to be effectively communicating this info to the facilities; it is ultimately up to them to see if it makes technical and economic sense. It is important to remember that all of the EGUs are currently in compliance.
 - Gonet: understand Julie's point, but we should do what we can to save the existing coal fleet by lowering the cost to comply. The Task Force should encourage the EGUs to explore alternative technology.
- Adjournment:
 - Motion: Senator Schimpf
 - Second: Phil Gonet